

Idaho Department of Lands
COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT
GRANT PROGRAM

FACT SHEET~ GRANT YEAR 2004-2005

About the program: The Community Transportation Enhancement (CTE) Grant Program provides federal transportation funds to Idaho cities for the purpose of enhancing transportation corridors in selected cities statewide through tree and shrub planting. The program is funded by the Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) and administered by the Idaho Department of Lands (IDL) and the Idaho Community Forestry Council (ICFC). \$100,000 is available to assist with community projects.

Transportation corridors (highways, railways, trails and airports) are essential to every Idaho community. Our roads, railways and airports impact local, state, national and international users. Every city desires to create a positive impression both for local residents and for those visiting or traveling through the community. Landscaping at the entrance to a community, and along primary travel routes within the city, helps meet this need. Plant materials are also beneficial in screening unsightly areas or screening and protecting recreational areas, serving as living snow and wind fences, buffering for traffic noises, filtering pollutants such as automobile exhaust, and for traffic calming.

Who can apply: Funds are available to all Idaho cities having or interested in developing a local community forestry program.

Project eligibility: Projects must be located on public land (federal, state or local government owned) and must enhance transportation corridors. Transportation corridors refer to public streets or highways, trails, parking facilities, railroads and airports.

Types of suitable projects include, but are not limited to:

- Community entry-way plantings
- Landscaping around community welcome signs
- Street tree plantings, downtown plantings
- Living snowfences to reduce winter maintenance costs
- Plantings to screen unsightly areas or screen and protect recreational areas

Maximum grant award: A maximum of \$15,000 will be awarded for any one project. Grant funds are provided on a reimbursement basis.

Matching Requirement: Local funds must contribute at least 10% of the grant amount. Matching funds must be in cash (in-kind contributions are encouraged for the project, but do not count toward the local 10% match). Any funding source, except federal funds, is eligible for matching funds.

Project Design: All projects must be well planned and designed before being implemented. Proposed projects on state or federal highway rights-of-way should be developed in cooperation with the local highway authority as their signature is required on the grant application. All design plans for proposed projects will be thoroughly reviewed by IDL before being approved for funding.